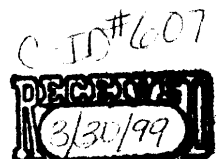


## CHARTER

### TRAIL OF TEARS NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL ADVISORY COUNCIL

1. The **official** designation of the committee is the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail Advisory Council (Council).
2. The purpose of the Council is to consult with the Secretary of the Interior on the implementation of a comprehensive plan and other matters relating to the trail, including certification of sites and segments, standards for erection and maintenance of markers, preservation of trail resources, American Indian relations, visitor education, historical research, visitor use, cooperative management, and trail administration.
3. The Council is expected to continue until such time as the trail plan has been substantively and broadly implemented, and trail administration has had the opportunity to mature and become fully effective and responsive to its operational and partnership responsibilities. The Council will terminate 2 years from the date the charter is filed unless it is renewed in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. Appendix (1994).
4. The Council reports to the Regional Director, Intermountain Region, National Park Service, 12795 West Alameda Parkway, Denver, Colorado 80225-0287.
5. Support for the Council is provided by the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior.
6. The duties of the Council are solely advisory and are as stated in paragraph 2 above.
7. The estimated annual operating cost of the Council is \$ 10,000, which includes the cost of 1/6 work-year of staff support.
8. The Council meets approximately once annually.
9. The Council shall not exceed 35 members, and shall be appointed by the Secretary of the Interior as follows:
  - a. The head of each Federal department or independent agency administering lands through which the trail route passes, or a designee;
  - b. A member appointed to represent each State through which the trail passes, and such appointments shall be made from recommendations of the Governors of such States;
  - c. One or more members appointed to represent private organizations, including corporate and individual landowners and land users which in the opinion of the



Secretary have an established and recognized interest in the trail; and such appointments shall be made from recommendations of the heads of such organizations.

10. The Secretary of the interior may also appoint a non-voting representative of each bureau of the Department of the interior that administers land through which the trail passes, provided that such bureau is not otherwise represented by a voting member of the Council.
11. Members will be appointed for **4-year** terms. Vacancies on the Council shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments. **if no successor is appointed on or prior to the expiration of a member's term, then the incumbent member shall continue to serve until the new appointment is made, provided that a charter as prescribed under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. Appendix (1994), is in effect.**
12. The Secretary shall designate one member to serve as chairperson.
13. A majority of the members appointed will constitute a quorum.
14. Any member who fails to attend two successive meetings of the Council or who otherwise fails to substantively participate in the work of the Council, may be removed from the Council by the Secretary and a replacement named.
15. All members will serve without salary. However, while away from their homes or regular places of business in the performance of Council business approved by the Designated Federal Officer, members will be reimbursed at current rates for travel and per diem expenses, in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in the Government service are allowed expenses under section 5703, Title 5 of the United States Code.
16. The Regional Director, Intermountain Region, National Park Service, or in the Regional Director's absence, a Federal employee designated by the Regional Director, will serve as the Designated Federal Officer.
17. The Trail of Tears National Historic Trail Advisory Council is established administratively under authority of Section 3 of Public Law 91-383 (16 U.S.C. 1 a-2(c)).

  
Secretary of the interior

JUL 15 1998

Date Signed

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